

An Effective Partnership: The Ultimate Win-Win



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Collaboration in training

Law Enforcement Academy

**Focusing on identification,
engagement and referral options**

LPD In-Service Training

BH Threat Assessment

**Annual training for Nebraska law
enforcement officers, FBI, US Marshals**

Dispatcher Academy

Collaboration in: Crisis Diversion

R.E.A.L. Program:

Respond, Empower, Advocate, Listen

Utilizes a proactive approach and lived experience to support persons who have interaction(s) with LPD.

The Numbers . . .

- 1,450 individuals referred to R.E.A.L. by LPD since Sept, 2011.**
- Contacted by R.E.A.L. peers (60%)**
- Accepted R.E.A.L. services (58%)**
- 302 LPD officers making referrals**
- Support services include short & long term peer support, referral to appropriate community services**

***“This program is the lifeblood of what we do.” –
LPD Chief Jim Peschong***

***“This program is the most invaluable tool that
street officers have.” – LPD Officer Melissa Ripley***

***“300 police officers rarely agree on anything, but
they agree on the value of this program.”***

Tom Casady, City of Lincoln Public Safety Director

More from LPD . . .

“The comment I’ve received most often from officers is that in the past they ‘kept going out on the guy time after time but after referral we never see them again’.”

“It’s personal and the peers truly care. They understand the importance of natural consequences. The self directed approach allows for buy-in and ownership of addressing very complex issues.”